

THE HONORABLE TIFFANY M. CARTWRIGHT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

TRINA CHRISTIE, in her Personal Capacity  
and as Personal Representative of the Estate of  
ANTHONY R. CHRISTIE, deceased; C.C., a  
minor, in his personal capacity,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS; JULIE MARTIN; ROB  
HERZOG; KEVIN BOVENCAMP; MARY JO  
CURREY; JACK WARNER; CHRISTOPHER  
HALLGREN; STEFAN ROSE; KODY  
ANGELL; JOHN GEISLER; RADU  
MURESAN; WILLIAM HALL; DIANNA  
MULL; ARBEN KULLOJKA; VALARIE  
HERRINGTON; TROY BUSHEY; AREIG  
AWAD; JACOB MILLER; ELAINE  
GRAVATT; and JOHN DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

NO. 3:22-cv-05692-TMC

ORDER APPROVING MINOR  
SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSING  
CASE

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion for approval of a minor settlement for C.C. (Dkt. # 123) In support of their motion, the parties submit a Settlement Guardian ad Litem ("SGAL") Report (Dkt. # 121). The Court previously approved Bruce A. Wolf as the SGAL for minor C.C. (Dkt. # 119.) Having reviewed the parties' motion (Dkt. # 123), SGAL Report (Dkt. # 121), the Court finds fair and reasonable the settlement terms set

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1 forth in the SGAL Report. The above stipulated motion to approve minor settlement (Dkt. # 123)  
 2 is GRANTED. The Court ORDERS as follows:

3 Having considered this information and being fully advised, the court enters the  
 4 following Order:

- 5 1. The settlement amount of \$960,000.00 is found to be reasonable and is approved.
- 6 2. The attorneys' fees to plaintiffs' counsel's firm, Galanda Broadman, PLLC, in the  
 7 amount of \$384,000.00, are found to be reasonable and are approved.
- 8 3. The costs incurred by Galanda Broadman, PLLC, in the amount of \$106,784.90,  
 9 are found to be reasonable and are approved.

10 4. State of Washington shall make the following payments within fourteen days from  
 11 this order:

- 12 a. Defendant, State of Washington, shall issue a State warrant (check) to  
 13 GALANDA BROADMAN, PLLC in trust for the benefit of Plaintiffs, in the  
 14 amount of SIX HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS  
 15 (\$610,000.00).
- 16 b. Defendant, State of Washington, shall issue a State warrant (check) to New York  
 17 Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation in the amount of THREE HUNDRED  
 18 FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$350,000.00) to fund future  
 19 periodic payments from structured settlement annuities, which shall be made on  
 20 the dates and in the amounts as described below:

21 Payee: C.C.

22 Guaranteed Lump Sum at age 18

23 \$10,000.00 guaranteed lump sum payable at age 18 (7/25/2031).

24 Semi-Annual Payments

25 \$7,000.00 semiannually, guaranteed 12 years, beginning December 1, 2031.

Supplemental Income

\$1,712.88 monthly, guaranteed 12 years, beginning at age 18 (7/25/2031).

1                   Guaranteed Lump Sum at age 30

2                   \$250,000.00 guaranteed lump sum payable at age 30 (7/25/2043).

3                   The future Periodic Payments outlined above are guaranteed based upon a projected  
4 funding date. Any delay in funding the Period Payments may result in a delay of the payment  
5 dates or a change in payment amounts. Any rate adjustments may result in changes to the  
6 Periodic Payments listed above. These changes shall be recorded in the Qualified Assignment  
7 and Release Agreement and Annuity Contract without the need of obtaining an amended Petition  
8 or Court Order.

9                   Any payments to be made after the death of the Payee shall be made to the Estate of the  
10 Payee. After the age of the majority, Payee may submit a change of beneficiary, in writing, to  
11 Assignee. No such designation, or any revocation thereof, shall be effective unless it is in writing  
12 and delivered to Assignee. The designation must be in a form acceptable to Assignee. The  
13 designation approved by the Court at this time is the Estate of C.C. The obligation to make  
14 periodic payments described herein will be assigned to New York Insurance and Annuity  
15 Corporation (“Assignee”) and funded by an annuity contract issued by New York Life Insurance  
16 Company (“Annuity Issuer”), rated A++ by A.M. Best Company, and AA+ by Standard and  
17 Poor’s. All parties shall cooperate fully and execute any and all supplementary documents,  
18 including a Settlement Agreement and Release and Qualified Assignment, in compliance with  
19 IRC 104(a)(2) and Section 130 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

20 Neither the minor, nor incapacitated person, nor their estates, nor any subsequent beneficiary or  
21 recipient of any payments or any part of any payments under this structured settlement shall have  
22 the right to accelerate, commute, or otherwise reduce to present value or to a lump sum any of  
23 the payments or any part of the payments due under this structured annuity settlement or this  
24 order unless by later motion good cause has been shown to lift or modify these restrictions.

25                   5.       The court finds further that:

- 26                   a.    Probate counsel Peter Kram’s remaining fees to conclude the probate of the estate  
27                   in the amount of \$1,500.00 is found to be reasonable and is approved. This

amount is estimated. Any residual costs for Mr. Kram that may be incurred over and above the amounts delineated in paragraphs 4b shall be covered by the net settlement proceeds of \$119,215.10, not the minor's net settlement proceeds. In addition, Bruce A. Wolf's fee of \$5,000.00 is found to be reasonable and is approved. Payment of Mr. Wolf's fees shall be covered by the net settlement proceeds of \$119,215.10, not the minor's net settlement proceeds.

b. The attorneys' fees to plaintiffs' counsel's firm, Galanda Broadman, PLLC, in the amount of \$384,000.00.

c. The costs incurred by Galanda Broadman, PLLC, in the amount of \$106,784.90.

d. The cash portion of the settlement funds in the amount of \$119,215.10 will be made payable to Galanda Broadman, PLLC, on behalf of Trina Christie, in her Personal Capacity and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anthony R. Christie. Galanda Broadman, PLLC may withhold \$14,976.41 from this portion in reserve to cover the following potential additional costs:

a. Probate counsel Kram's costs as described in paragraph 4b above.

(Approximately \$1,500.00).

b. SGAL Fees, in the amount of \$5,000.00

c. Potential creditor claims in the amount of \$5,476.41; and

d. Additional unexpected costs in the amount of \$3,000.00, if necessary.

After these amounts are distributed, any additional amount remaining unused in reserve shall be provided directly to Trina Christie by Galanda Broadman, PLLC.

6. The Legal Guardian of the minor, C.C., Trina Christie is authorized to sign all settlement agreements and releases on behalf of the minor, C.C. Trina Christie is also personal representative of the estate and is authorized to sign all settlement agreements and releases on behalf of the estate.

7. Confirmation of the funding of the structured settlements for the minors shall be confirmed by a filing in the Pierce County Superior Court estate action, cause no. 20-4-00854-3.

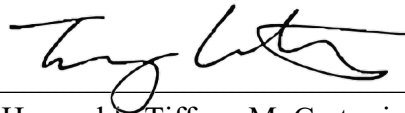
1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the allocation of net proceeds in which the minor, C.C.  
2 shall receive is found reasonable and is APPROVED.

3 The Settlement Guardian ad Litem is discharged from all further duties.

4 FURTHER, the Court having reviewed the record, and determining there are no further  
5 issues in controversy, hereby DISMISSES this case with prejudice and without further costs or  
6 attorneys' fees.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 DATED this 27th day of November, 2024.

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10 The Honorable Tiffany M. Cartwright